



EVERYONE'S WELCOME

BREAKING THE ICE

What is one of your favorite memories of this summer?

What are some things God has put on your heart over the last few weeks?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin was back and had a conversation about calling. We all have a calling as a church to use our gifts for what God calls us to.

1. Where do you feel like God has called you? Inside the church and outside the church?

Pastor Kevin mentioned a quote in his message. "The place to which God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." - Frederick Buechner.

2. After reading the quote from Buechner, where do you feel your calling lies?

How do we know what God has called us to do? God calls us to something to do with Him. We are called to Him first.

Read Hebrews 11:6

We need to have faith that God exists and He has a dream for our lives. He wants us to know Him personally and He has dreams for us with Him.

Read Jeremiah 29:11-13

God wants us to give Him our heart first. He wants us to live surrendered to Him. To trust Him so He can form Christ in us. It's about transforming hearts toward Him.

Pastor Kevin told us a story about Jonah and some questions that brought up about Jonah's calling to Nineveh and how it relates to the calling God has for each of us.

Read Jonah 1:1-3

What we knew about Jonah is he ran from God. The first question Pastor Kevin asked was, "What am I called to and where am I tempted to run?"

3. Where are you tempted to run when God's calling gets hard?

The enemy knows it's hard and will tempt us and will distract us from where and what God has called you to do.

In Jonah 2:2 we see where Jonah cried for help. It's OK to cry for help. God wants us to cry for help. God wants us to experience His help and cry out for it.

4. The second question Pastor Kevin asked is, "Where do you need to ask God for help?"

God wants to help us. He wants to walk with us and help us with everything going on in our lives. The last thing we ask when it comes to our calling is "What is the next right thing to do?"

5. What next right thing do you feel like God is asking you to do?

God has saved us and Cross Point. God has given us a specific assignment to help people find and follow Jesus. It's our job to point people to the cross. God teaches us to go towards those who need Him. To help those who don't know Him, find Him.

6. Who do you know who needs to know Jesus? How can you point them toward Him this week?

Pastor Kevin had one more question at the end of the service. He asked, "What would you tell someone who doesn't believe God is real?" When we can tell others why and how God is real in our lives it's our testimony to help them know how God can be real in their lives. It could be the start of their relationship with Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for how you love us and how you have called us to you. Thank you for healing our hearts and showing us what you have called us to do. Help us know you, Jesus. Cleanse our hearts from anything that doesn't align with you and what you have for us. Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, spend some time talking to God and asking Him what His plan and calling is for your life. Ask Him where you haven't been following His calling and where you need to course correct. Partner up with someone in your group and pray for one another. Help keep each other accountable to what God has called you to do.